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for which the agreement was terminated and is fully capable of carrying out the cooperative agreement. Any reinstatement shall be by Federal rule-making in accordance with § 745.11.

(b) OSM may recommend approval of the reinstatement to the Secretary if it finds that the State meets all the requirements for the initial approval of a cooperative agreement under this subchapter.

(c) The Secretary may approve reinstatement of a cooperative agreement if the Secretary concurs in findings of OSM which recommended that approval.

PART 746—REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINING PLANS

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§ 746.1 Scope.

This part provides the process and requirements for the review and approval, disapproval or conditional approval of mining plans on lands containing leased Federal coal.

§ 746.10 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in this section have been approved by OSM of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1029-0026. The information is being collected to determine compliance with section 523 of the Act (30 U.S.C. 1273) and this part. The obligation to respond to the information collection requirements of this part is mandatory.

§ 746.11 General requirements.

(a) No person shall conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased Fed-

eral coal until the Secretary has approved the mining plan.

(b) Surface coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased Federal coal shall be conducted in accordance with a permit issued in accordance with this subchapter, any lease terms and conditions, and the approved mining plan.

§ 746.13 Decision document and recommendation on mining plan.

OSM shall prepare and submit to the Secretary a decision document recommending approval, disapproval or conditional approval of the mining plan to the Secretary. The recommendation shall be based, at a minimum, upon:

(a) The permit application package, including the resource recovery and protection plan;

(b) Information prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*;

(c) Documentation assuring compliance with the applicable requirements of other Federal laws, regulations and executive orders other than the Act;

(d) Comments and recommendations or concurrence of other Federal agencies, as applicable, and the public;

(e) The findings and recommendations of the Bureau of Land Management with respect to the resource recovery and protection plan and other requirements of the lease and the Mineral Leasing Act;

(f) The findings and recommendations of the regulatory authority with respect to the permit application and the State program; and

(g) The findings and recommendations of OSM with respect to the additional requirements of this subchapter.

§ 746.14 Approval, disapproval or conditional approval, of mining plan.

The Secretary shall approve, disapprove or conditionally approve the mining plan in accordance with this part.

§ 746.17 Term of approval.

(a) Each mining plan approval shall cover the operations for which a complete permit application package was submitted, unless otherwise indicated in the approval.